

## Bigfork Steering Committee Minutes

May 31, 2007

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(Amended)

In Attendance: Craig Wagner, Pat Wagner, Elna Darrow, George Darrow, Chuck Gough, Mike Richeson, Edd Blackler, Bruce Solberg, John Bourquin, Julie Spencer, Chris Stubbins

The Meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Elna Darrow at 12:00

Introductions were made.

**Agenda:** The agenda was adopted (m/sc Solberg/Wagner, C)

**Minutes:** The minutes for May 17, 2007 were approved as amended(m/sc Wagner/Gough)

**Treasurer's Report:** Chuck Gough reported the balance remains the same as last week.

**Resort Tax Committee:** Bruce reported his committee will be writing a paper "Resort Tax made Easy" The resort tax committee is doing most of their work through email.

**Lake County:** Community residents south of Bigfork will have an opportunity to voice their views on what they want for their area. This committee has scheduled 4 public meetings Wednesday June 27, Ferndale Community Hall, Thursday June 28 Yellow Bay Community Center, Wednesday July 18, Bethany Lutheran Church, and July 19 Swan Lake Community center. All meetings will be at 7 PM (For more information see May 31, 2007 Bigfork Eagle)

**Vision Committee:** This committee will meet Monday June 4, 2007 at the Methodist Church on Central Ave.

**Chairman's Report:** Elna shared an article from AG/Week April 16, 2007. There are grants and loans available through the U.S. Agriculture Department for "rural" development projects. "USDA has handed out more than \$70,000 billion in grants and loan guarantees since 2001 as part of their little known rural development program". Some of the projects are in well known areas such as Martha's Vineyard but still qualify as rural. We need a good grant writer for Bigfork. (See attached article in notebook)

**Old Business:** Julie Spencer, Director of Bigfork Water and Sewer District reported that the Mill Creek project has a concrete pond sitting on their transmission lines and this must be solved before construction can proceed. She also stated the Branding Iron project has only a 2 inch water main and the rest of its capacity has already been allocated to other properties.

**New Business:** Bruce Solberg, Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce, announced the Farmer's Market held on the school parking lot every summer will not be there due to insurance costs. They are seeking a new location and trying to get organized for next summer.

Bruce also introduced Chris Stubbins, who wants to start a motivational leadership training program for Bigfork High School Students starting next year with the Junior Class. She wants this training to be unique and beneficial to the Bigfork Community.

**Announcements:** Pat Wagner made a motion to hold the Steering Committee meetings to every other week until we have to work on the Neighborhood Plan. It was voted and

passed to hold the meetings on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month until the county gives us the Neighborhood Plan back for revisions and zoning overlays.

Mike Richeson, Editor of the Bigfork Eagle, has started a column for the Bigfork community, to let us all know what is happening with the different galleries and events in our village.

Meeting adjourned at 12:59

Pat Wagner, Secretary